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[REDACTED]
Attorney-at-Law
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

22 March 1948

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and with the party.*

Honorable John C. Stennis
Washington
District Of Columbia

Dear [REDACTED]
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Am sure it will

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My dear Senator Stennis:

Agreeably to the desire
of our Convention - and as a
very pleasant duty - I am enclosing
resolutions recently adopted
by the simon-pure Democrats of
this County.

We have spoken. Those
resolutions correctly express our
feelings. They may raise a few
blisters on the complacent rump
of Haberdasher Harry. If so we
shall be very happy.

We have spoken out in
open meeting. We have displayed
our colors. We are hoping for
unrestrained co-operation on the
part of our servants in the
Congress.

Very truly
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the White Southern Democrats of Madison County, Mississippi, in Convention assembled at the Court House in the City of Canton, that:

WHEREAS it is the hope of this Assembly that the Democratic Party, as we have heretofore known it, and, until recent years, as heretofore constituted, may be maintained; and,

WHEREAS at this time the party to which we gave our unswerving allegiance in the darkest days of the Southland, is now in the ignoble clutches of, controlled and garrotted by, a band of political wood-colts and free-booters whose greed dripping and clammy hands are endeavoring to set at naught the traditions which are the very warp and woof of Southern ideals and culture, and which are sacred to all through whose veins course the purest blood of the Anglo-Saxon race; and,

WHEREAS the Party of our fathers has been cruelly betrayed by the aforesaid political illegitimates and usurpers of authority who, in barter and exchange for the votes of mongrels and bastard ideologists would, with one swift stroke, plunge the stiletto of hate into the very vitals of the Southern way of life; and,

WHEREAS the act of the President of these United States in thus recommending to Congress the enactment of the inexcusable programme of bitterness and hate will prove a hindrance and impediment to a continuation of the good feeling and mutual understanding which has prevailed among the people of both races in our State in recent years, and as an incitation to suspicion and ill-will; and,

WHEREAS we resent, with all the outraged feelings contained within us, the studied efforts of the occupant of the White House to smear the hallowed traditions which have made the South the envy of other sections of this Nation; and,

WHEREAS we deem it not only expedient, but also our sacred duty, to reject as at once contemptible and inexcusable, and as wholly unworthy of one who professes to be the son of a Confederate

balances of power in sections of this Country; and,

THAT IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that we most heartily commend our Governor, the Honorable Fielding L. Wright and his adamant courage displayed in the crisis that now confronts us. That we are proud of his leadership. That we shall hold high his hands carrying the banner of State's Rights in this important engagement. That we commend the truculent spirit of his official family and that of the State Legislature, and who have been so loyal and steadfast in their impregnable determination that the enemies, haters and traducers of this Southland shall not prevail.

THAT WE WOULD NOT OVERLOOK our able and distinguished representatives in the present Congress who, with such zeal, courage and ability, are bearing their burdens in the heat of the day, and whose swords have flashed from their scabbards to shield and protect the Southland and all her cherished traditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Senators Eastland and Stennis; to Honorable John Bell Williams of the House of Representatives; to the Jackson Daily News; the Clarion Ledger, the Madison County Herald, the Flora Paper; the Commercial Appeal; to Governor Fielding L. Wright; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the State of Mississippi.

A D O P T E D this the 20 day of March, ANNO DOMINI, 1948.

B.H.Jones, Chairman Of Madison County
Democratic Executive Committee
Dick C. McCool, Secretary

soldier, those unwise and un-called-for recommendations of President Truman in his civil rights programme addressed to the Congress of these United States, as an attempt to be-smirch the noble ideals so dear to those who wore the Gray and to their descendants; and as a thrust entirely unworthy of any man occupying a position of such great dignity and high honor; and,

WHEREAS as Southerners we are pledged and dedicated to fight to the bitter end any and every movement tending to acquiesce in, or to aid, the contemplated candidacy of the man who stands as both author, sponsor and god-father to this iniquitous political broth thus served to the Congress for its consumption; and,

Whereas we desire to record our deep feeling of resentment against this unwarranted intrusion, and this wilful invasion, of our State's Rights, and to blazon to all betrayers in high places, or in low, our fixed determination to maintain those standards, traditions and ideals against the onslaughts of all the cohorts of evil who now so cruelly assail them;

IT IS THE SENSE of this Convention that, in any event, we now stand and shall continue to stand unrelentingly, unflinchingly and irrevocably opposed to the nomination of Harry S. Truman for the Presidency of these United States of America; and,

THAT IT IS THE SENSE of this Assembly that its delegates to our State Convention be, and they are hereby, pledged to use every honorable means therein to secure the adoption and effectuate the passage of such resolutions and measures as shall tend to make impossible the nomination of the present occupant of the White House, and which shall contribute to the restoration in the quondam Democratic Party of the ideals of Jefferson and Jackson; and of all those principles of good government so long its shield, sword and buckler, but which, in recent years, have been so sorely ravished by the mental pee-wees and official misfits in its once proud ranks in exchange for the political gew-gaws and the suffrage of unworthy

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 26, 1948

Mr. [REDACTED]
Canton, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 22nd with the attached resolution. I am sure it will serve a good purpose in our fight here and with the Party.

The FEPC and other pending so-called Civil Liberties Bills are real dangers in that they undermine our Federal Constitution and constitute the first step toward destroying the rights of the people to local self-government.

I have joined with others here to fight them to the last ditch.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U.S.S.

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